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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98

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	AE	US-3,499,830		03-10-1970	Haggerty et al.	
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	BE	DE 103 17 503 A1	11-04-2004	DaimlerChrysler AG		
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	BH	WO 02/24397 A1	03-28-2002	Gearcon GmbH	Corresponds to AB above	ABS
	BI	GB 1 346 174	02-06-1974	T. I. (Group Services) Limited		
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	BK	DE 29 26 255 A1	01-08-1981	Zahnradfabrik Friedrichshafen AG		
	BL	GB 2 162 454 A	02-05-1986	Dowty RotoI Limited		
	BM	EP 0 491 052 A1	06-24-1992	Shizuoka Seiko Co. Ltd.		
	BN	CH 503 547	02-28-1971	Cincinnati Milacron Inc.		ABS
	BO	DD 74 596	02-10-1969	Forker et al.		
	BP	GB 972,620	10-14-1964	General Electric Company		
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	CA	PCT/ISA/220, PCT/ISA/237 and an International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) dated April 8, 2005 with an English translation of the pertinent portion (fourteen (14) pages).	
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